

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present submission is provided in conjunction with a Declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131, a copy of which is enclosed. This reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of April 29, 2005, in which claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e), as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,493,702 to Adar. The Examiner contends that the Declaration under 1.131, which was filed on March 10, 2005 is improper for failing to include signatures of all of the inventors. Moreover, the Examiner alleges that the Declaration under 1.131 fails to show reduction to practice prior to 5/5/99, the date of the cited reference. The Applicants submit herewith a new Declaration under 1.131, which has been signed by all of the inventors and which clearly demonstrates reduction to practice in accordance with 37 CFR 1.131. The Declaration includes Exhibits A-C, with dates redacted, that support the Applicants' conception and reduction to practice of the features of the invention as recited in claims 1-14, which antedate May 5, 1999, the date of the Adar reference. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that the instant application is patentable over the Adar reference rendering moot the outstanding rejections of claims 1-14. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested. It is submitted that the foregoing amendments and remarks should render the case in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,
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